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Applicant : Lincoln et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2002

Drawings

Please substitute FIGs. 1 and 3A with the corresponding enclosed drawings for conformance with PTO-948.

Restriction

The applicants elect Group I without traverse. The applicants do not concede that the examiner has correctly characterized groups and species of the invention.

Species Elections

Applicant provisionally elects the following species:

For the first species: symbols which include drugs or exogenous agents.

For the second species: state which is associated with a disease or disorder.

For the third species: a state which is associated with cell proliferation.

Regarding the fourth species, without conceding that the examiner has correctly characterized the species, the applicants elect an "iterative inference engine practice."

These species elections are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.146 which states that the purpose of a species election is so that the examined claim would be restricted to the species "if

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no claim to the genus is found to be allowable." See also MPEP 806.04(d). Applicant takes exception if the species elections are intended to preclude examination of the generic claims.

Enclosed is a Petition for One-Month Extension of time and a \$55 check for the fee.
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